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Mr. Francisco Vega
NDEP- Bureau of Air Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89706-5249

**RE: Sierra Pacific Resources Company
Draft Class 1 Air Quality Operating Construction Permit**

Dear Mr. Vega:

The Elko County Board of Commissioners supports the issuance of the **Sierra Pacific Resources Company - Class 1 Air Quality Operating Permit** to construct a Power Plant Project to be located White Pine County, Nevada.

The two nominal 750 MW coal-fired boilers and associated structures will have state-of-the-art emission control equipment to control plant emissions. Approval of the proposed permit will benefit the local White Pine County economy and will not have a noticeable impact upon air quality in Northeastern Nevada. Elko County believes this project is appropriate for Eastern Nevada and that it will benefit electric power production needs in our State.

Sincerely,

Mike Nannini, Chair
Elko County Commission